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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

Pursuant to Rules 56 and 98, Applicants hereby call the attention of the Patent Office to the references listed on the attached Form PTO 1449. Submitted herewith are translations of JP 55050442 and JP 60234930. These Japanese references were previously submitted in an Information Disclosure Statement on December 17, 2007.

Applicants present these references so the Patent Office may, in the first instance, determine any relevancy thereof to the presently claimed invention. Applicants respectfully request that these references be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application and made of record herein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue herefrom. Enclosed via credit card is the amount of \$180.00 in payment of the fee for submitting an Information Disclosure Statement after the first Office Action but before Final Rejection pursuant to Rule 97(c)(1) and (2) and Rule 17(p).

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